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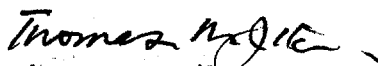
Dear Secretary Shalala:

I am writing to express my opposition to any possible weakening of labeling requirements for irradiated food that is being considered by the Food and Drug Administration. I believe the consumers have a right to know if the food they eat has been treated with radiation.

No long-term studies have yet been conducted on the health effects of food irradiation so the jury is still out on the safety of such food. I therefore believe that until the safety of irradiation has been established, consumers have a right to make an informed choice based on clear labeling.

I hope that you will defend the consumer's right to know in the decision-making process.

Sincerely,

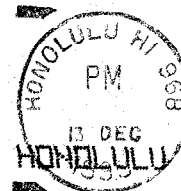

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